(c) Under SI. No. 364 of Notification 21/2002 dated 1.3.2002, Blood Glucose Monitoring System (Glucometer) and test strips attract 10% custom duty.

(d) According to ICMR there is epidemiological evidence showing increase in prevalence of diabetes, particularly in urban areas of the country.

(e) National Diabetes Control Programme is being implemented by ICMR. However, Diabetes is managed by all institutions, in the health care delivery system e.g. PHC/CHC/District Hospitals, Medical Colleges etc. Central Health Education Bureau (CHEB) is the apex organisation for health education in prevention of diseases in the country. Exact year-wise details of all such activities are not available.

Departments in Safdarjung Hospital without head

550. SHRIV.V. RAGHAVAN:Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Departments of Safdarjung Hospital are presently functioning without a head;

(b) if so, the details of such Departments;

(c) the efforts made/being made to have heads for these headless Departments;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the efficiency of these headless Departments has since reduced considerably; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) In view of (a) above do not arise.

Ban on sale of tobacco

† 551. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.